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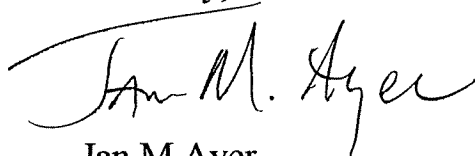
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On January 29, 2005, around 10:30 am, a gas explosion incident occurred at my home at 1140 Ridgecrest Avenue, North Augusta, South Carolina. Because of my reporting the incident on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005 to the Office of Regulatory Staff an investigation took place. I am requesting permission to give my testimony of the incident and present evidence at the public hearing on January 19, 2006, concerning Docket No. 2005-270-G, which states: REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER A REGULATION SHOULD BE PROMULGATED REQUIRING RELOCATION OF CERTAIN METER SETS OR INSTALLATION OF SPLASH GUARDS ON THESE METER SETS. My testimony will aid the Commission in determining a decision made in this hearing. I am informed and believe that granting my request to be made a party of record in this hearing is in the public interest. I will require 30 minutes for my testimony.

Sincerely,



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